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FCC Mail Room

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Room 8-B201
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

LightSquared has built a state-of-the-art open wireless broadband network that offers network capacity on a wholesale-only basis. This new network will complement existing and emerging companies in the wireless network. LightSquared focuses on developing individual and cost-effective solutions while consumers would enjoy the benefits of innovation and increasing competition.

Unfortunately some industries do not see all the positive impacts LightSquared will have on the wireless industry. The GPS industry discovered the possibility that some GPS receivers may receive interference from LightSquared's network. What the GPS industry isn't saying is that the cause of this interference is the fact that the GPS has been illegally using LightSquared's network for years. Most recently the FCC has decided to side with the GPS industry and issue a ruling that will delay even further the progress being made by LightSquared. LightSquared has been cooperative and has played by the rules. They deserve a fair, impartial process and a decision by the FCC that is not responsive to political pressure from the GPS industry.

Perhaps one of the most important aspects about LightSquared's network is its impact on public safety communications. LightSquared will revolutionize the way first responders communicate. Their new network provides reliable, affordable, weatherproof, and ubiquitous wireless coverage of the entire United States. LightSquared has the ability to reach areas that currently have no wireless coverage, including rural areas and even those areas about 200 miles offshore. If the FCC fails to approve this network, first responders will lose this satellite coverage and LightSquared may need to shut that part down if the ground based system is not allowed to move forward. These are risks we simply cannot afford to take.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ted Christian'.

Ted Christian
Director

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